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Claims 63-216 appear allowable to applicant. The outstanding issue includes priority of inventorship as the claims conflict with U.S. patent 6,989,031.

Applicant has suggested an interference pursuant to 37 CFR 41.202(a) in a communication filed September 25, 2005.

The notice of Copy claims from the U.S. Patent Application 10/112,745, now U.S. Patent 6,989,031, is construed to be a request for interference and meet 37 CFR 41.202(a)(1). The remaining requirements of 37 CFR 41.202(a)(2)-(6) must be filed by applicant.

Review of MPEP 2300 (October 2005 or later) prior to preparation of the submission is urged, as the rules regulating interference proceedings changed substantially as of August 12, 2004.

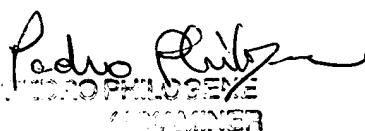
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pedro Philogene whose telephone number is (571) 272-4716. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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